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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **ISOLATION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF A FIBER-SPECIFIC ACTIN PROMOTER FROM COTTON** (filed as International Application No. PCT/SG00/00112 on August 1, 2000), the specification of which is attached hereto.

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